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Manager of the Christmas Entertainments at the Agricultural Hall.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

SUCCESS OF THE CAMBRIDGE CHAMPION.

At Oxford on Saturday afternoon last more than usual excitement was caused to witness the Queen's College Sports which came off on the Balliol Ground; the principal event, however, being the "Strangers' Race," the distance half a mile; for the latter there was a goodly muster of competitors, and it created an unusual amount of interest. It had been rumoured in the town in the morning that Mr. C. B. Lawes, of Trinity, Cambridge, would contend, and he was made the favourite, with a start. Lord Jersey, of Balliol, having also a host of supporters, who took a short price about his chance. Shortly after three o'clock the race came on for decision, when we observed the following gentlemen at the mark, Mr. Sams, of Peter House, Cambridge,

was third. Time, 2 min 6 sec. The result was a great disappointment for the Oxonians, who, although not grudging the trophy Mr. Sams so fairly won, were somewhat dissatisfied at his lordship's judgment in lying behind so long.

The winner, who is a small man, ran in excellent style, and came out a la Sheffield. He has, we understand, been successful this term in the races for the Clare half-mile open prize, and the Jesus quarter-mile ditto at Cambridge. The Queen's Prize, which he adds to his other trophies, is a silver Grecian two-handled grace cup, with appropriate chased design, value 12 guineas.

NORTH LONDON ROWING CLUB ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The first winter meeting of the above club took place on Saturday last, at Brompton grounds; but there was a very small muster, beyond the members and competitors, to witness the sports. The following is a brief return of the proceedings, which were carried out most satisfactorily under the management of Messrs. C. Smith and H. Beaumont Kent, the hon. secs.: Mr. Charles Westhall acting as umpire and starter, and Mr. Thomas Fox as judge:—

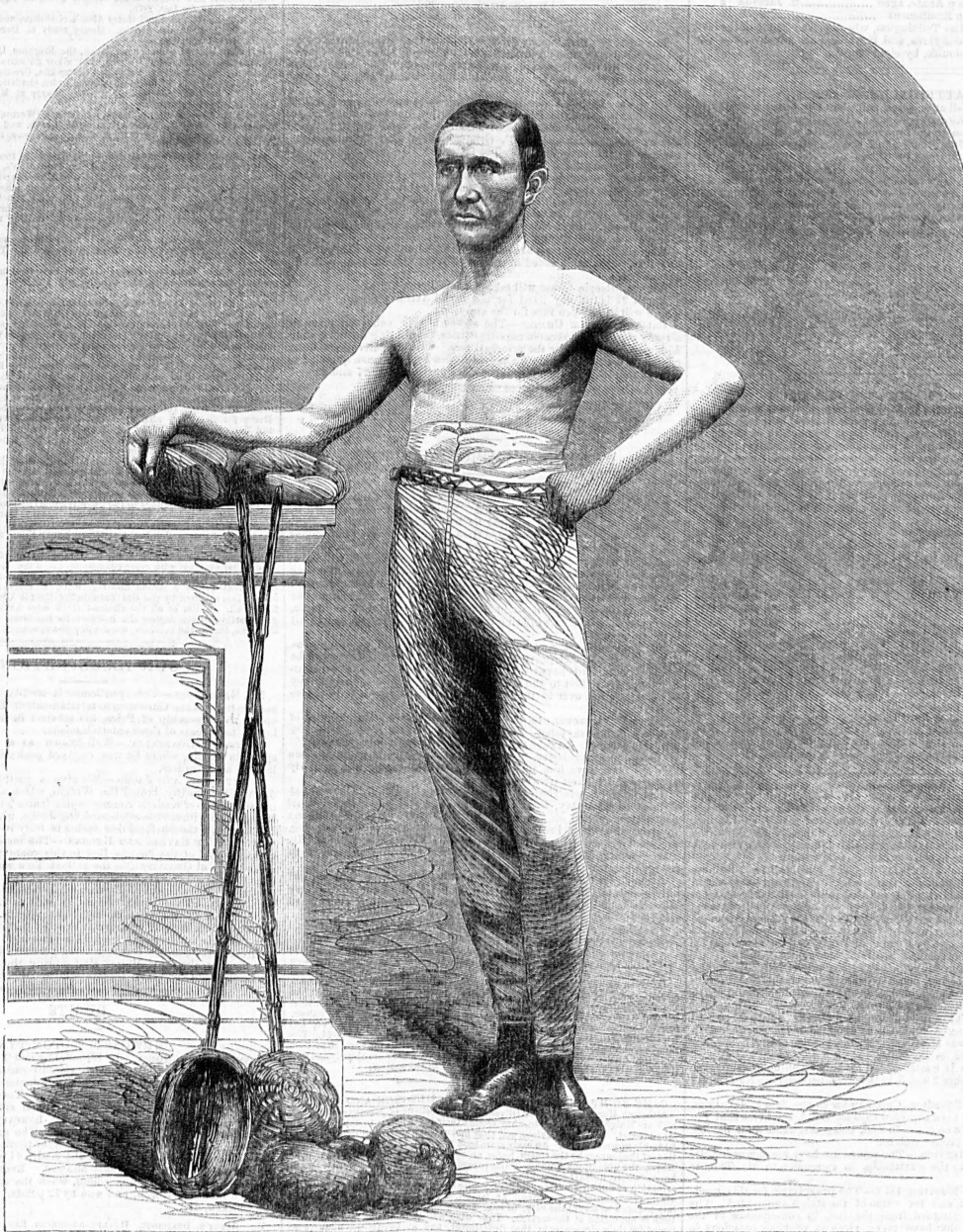
Digby 15, started. A good start was effected, when a clipping race was won by Macarthy by a foot only before Woolley, who was second; Digby third, about three yds behind the latter. Time, 24 seconds.

Deciding Heat.—Simpson (Mincing-lane), from scratch, and Macarthy (L.R.C.), 13 yds start, now came to run off for the prize, a splendid cup. It was an excellent race, for both got off well and on even terms, but Simpson was not enabled quite to overhaul his opponent, for Macarthy won in the end by half a yard. Time 24 seconds.

One Mile Handicap.—J. H. Wen went from scratch; H. Slaney had 20 yds, and U. Speyer 30 yds. Slaney gave up at half a mile, and Wen having caught Speyer at the end of the third lap, the latter also retired, so Wen finished by himself.

Handicap of 100 Yds.—J. K. Oaksure, two yds, and E. Croghan, three yds start, were the only two that started. It was another fine race all the way, and was won by Croghan by eight inches only. Time 14 seconds.

Quarter of a Mile Handicap.—P. W. Watts, the scratch man, walked



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evidently representing the "light blue," in the place of Mr. Lawes; The Earl of Jersey, Balliol; Mr. E. B. Michell, Magdalen; Mr. D. Morgan, Magdalen Hall; Mr. E. B. Charlton, Christ Church; Mr. Thomas, Christ Church; Mr. C. A. James, Oriel; Mr. R. W. Follett, Christ Church; Mr. J. W. Fletcher, Pembroke; Mr. J. P. Sams, Peter House, Cambridge; Mr. R. P. Rumsey, Brasenose; and Mr. Turner, St. John's. Lord Jersey still held the premiership in the betting; but, from many of the competitors being "dark horses," there was not much speculation, the winner hardly having been mentioned.

A good start was effected, the Cantab being visible in the front rank for some little distance, when the pace was forced by Mr. Thomas, Mr. James being second, Lord Jersey last. This order was continued to the Pavilion, but shortly afterwards Mr. Michell ran up and assumed the lead, James sticking to him, with Charlton well up. Mr. Michell continued his advantage, and looked like winning until the last turn, 200 yards from home, when Mr. Sams passed him; Lord Jersey now put on one of his famous rushes, and coming out from the rack passed Michell and made up a great deal of lost ground, but was unable to overhaul Mr. Sams, who won easily by five yards; Mr. Michell

Two-miles Walking Handicap.—For this the four on the card started, namely H. Beaumont and C. Smith, who went from the scratch; J. H. Watts, 10 yards start; and R. Wilson, with 30. Wilson only walked three quarters of a mile, when he gave in, and a most exciting contest followed between the scratch men, first one and then the other being in front; Beaumont eventually came in first by 25 yards, and Watts, having passed Smith, came in second; Smith third. Time of the first mile by the winner was 8 min 45 sec; the two miles were accomplished by him in 17 min 51 sec.

Handicap of 220 yards (Strangers' race).—The entries were 2s. 6d. each, to be made on the ground, open to members of all rowing or athletic clubs, and immediately the list was closed Mr. Westhall drew the competitors into two heats, and handicapped them as follows:—First heat.—Simpson (Mincing-lane) from scratch; W. Shepherd, West London, and W. Dickinson, 12 yards start each. Simpson got off with an advantage of two yards, caught his men about 40 yards from home, passed them in good style, and won by two yards. Time, 24 seconds.

Second Heat.—A. H. Woolley, 12 yds start, Macarthy, 13, and

over; C. Smith, three yds start, and W. Hatcher and J. K. Oaksure both eight yds start, did not toe their marks.

The 130 Yds Hurdle Race did not take place, owing to the darkness, and the proceedings were wound up with the presentation of the prizes by Mr. H. Beaumont Kent.

THE PRINCE OF WALES ATHLETIC CLUB.

As we have before stated this rising club is increasing in popularity, as evidenced at their weekly meetings at their Club House, the Wrekin Tavern, Broad-court, Bow-street. The working of the Society has been thoroughly re-organised, several judicious alterations in the old rules, or new ones made, all tending to the future well-being of the Club, which bids fair to be successful in the future. It has been agreed upon that the first meeting for Athletic Sports should take place early in the coming year, when, as was suggested by Mr. H. Woodstock at the annual dinner, prizes will be given for competition in running, walking, and hurdle matches, as well as sack racing. A letter has been received from the men of the 1st Regiment of Life Guards, enquiring whether there will be

contests "open to all," in throwing the Cricket Ball especially. Any open races or other sports, for which the military or the members of the various clubs of the Metropolis could enter, would add in no small degree to the interest of the proceedings, assuming that the funds would allow. The meetings are under the able guidance of Mr. John Roach, the president, and Mr. S. May, the Hon. Sec., will be glad to enrol members, of whom, as well as Jimmy Shaw, all information can be ascertained; and there is no doubt, if the present good management be strictly adhered to, and carried out in a fair spirit, the Prince of Wales Athletic Club will be highly successful. We urge upon the youth of London to enter at once.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD.

On Friday, December 8th, the annual meeting of the athletes of Oriel College took place on the Balliol Ground, Cowley Marsh, under the stewardship of Messrs O. S. Smith, W. H. Kettlewell, E. F. Henley, H. P. Price, and H. B. King. Although the weather was unfavourable for out-door amusements, a large number of spectators were present to witness the various interesting events, which were decided as follows:—

Flat Race, 100 yards.—Tosswill 1, Kettlewell 2, King 3. Won by a yard and a half. O. S. Smith was handicapped three yards.

Putting the Stone.—Henley (25ft 11in) 1, Tosswill (25ft 6in) 2.

Hurdle Race, 250 yards, over 10 hurdles.—Tosswill 1, Smith 2. Won easily.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—Henley (93yds 1ft 4in) 1, Malt 2.

Flat Race, quarter of a mile.—O. S. Smith 10yds start, 1; King 2. Won by six yards, in 57 sec.

Throwing the Hammer.—Tosswill (23yds 2ft 8in) 1, Price 2.

Hurdle Race, 120 yards, over 10 hurdles.—Price 1, Smith 2. A good race, won by a yard.

Strangers' Race, 250 yards, for a handsomely-chased silver cup. Entries: Vidal (St. John's), Morgan (Magdalen Hall), Tritton (Christ Church), and Jackson (Magdalen Hall). Although there had been no previous open prize for 250 yards, the entries, as will be observed, were very scanty. Vidal was the favourite at 2 to 1 on him. Mr. Morgan made the running at a strong pace, but before 100 yards had been traversed Mr. Vidal showed in advance, and running in his usual formidable manner gained at every stride, and despite the plucky exertions of Morgan came in a winner by six yards in 27½ sec. Morgan second. The ground was exceedingly heavy.

The performance on the part of Vidal stamps him as the very best man in the University, as he beat Morgan perhaps easier than Nolan did in the memorable race against Thornton of Cambridge last week; added to which we have the fact that Vidal has won the St. John's 100 yards (beating Fell); the Magdalen Hall 200 yards, open prize; Corpus 200 hurdles, beating Jackson of Magdalen Hall and some of the best hurdle jumpers in the University; and the Balliol Quarter Mile, open race, beating a field of a dozen.

We hope to see Vidal in the University sports next term, as he seems capable of upholding the honour of his University in any encounter he may engage in.

Mile Race: James 1, Kettlewell 2, Spearman 3. Won easily in 5 min. 12 sec.

Long Jump: Tosswill (18ft 9in.) 1, King (16ft) 2.

This jump is, we think, the best which has been accomplished during the whole series of sports, and there is reason to hope Mr. Tosswill will walk in the shoes of Mr. Gooch of Merton, who, for two years, so ably represented the Oxonians in this particular branch of athletics.

Two Mile Race: James 1, Hoskins 2, Blandinell 3. Time, 11 min. 24 sec. Won by nearly a lap. James runs in good style, and will, we have no doubt, be heard of again next term.

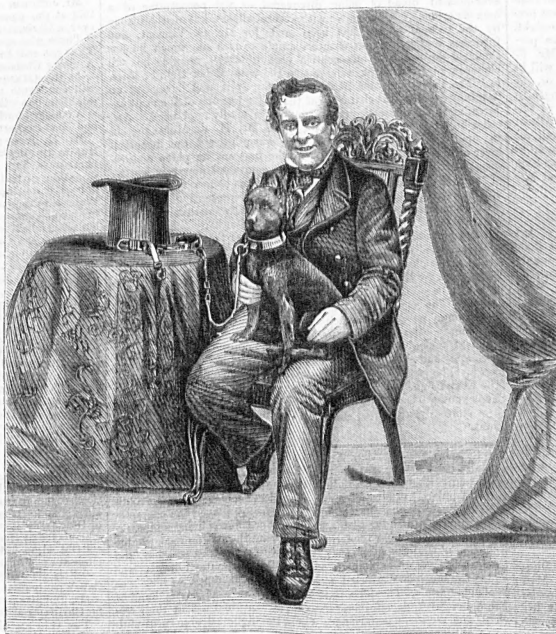
Consolation Stakes, 200 yards: Brook 1, White 2, Shearman 3. Won by two yards.

Scouts' Race: Kimber 1, T. Weedon (servant) 2. Won by three yards.

CANINE.

OLDHAM.

HIGGINSHAW GROUNDS.—This resort was well patronised on Saturday last, that being the day appointed to run off the deciding heats for Mr. J. Chadwick's Dog Handicap, distance 200 yards, for which 28 animals were left in to contend. For the final heat the first prize of £8 was awarded to Winterbottom's Flora (Oldham), 10½lb, 51 yards start,



JIMMY SHAW, and his celebrated Ratter-Dog Jacko.

one yard behind which came Dixon's Flora (Oldham), 11½lb, 52 yards start, second, £1 10s., whilst Howarth's Whitefoot (Rochdale), 18lb, 48 yards, secured third prize of 10s. Referee, Mr. Job Whitehead, of Oldham.

Mr. Chadwick (the proprietor) announces his intention to give £10 to be competed for in an All-England Dog Handicap, distance 200 yards, on Dec. 30 and Jan. 1. Entrance two shillings and no acceptance to close Dec. 25, at Mr. A. Wild's, Wellington, Werneth Oldham; Mr. J. Seville's, Crown and Cushion, Oldham; Mr. J. Hitchen's, Side of Moor, Oldham; Mr. J. Brierley's, Traveller's Rest, Millbottom; Mr. Fred. Greenwood's, Sawyers' Arms, Rochdale

or at the grounds. Any dog entered falsely will be disqualified. 40 allowed. To weigh same weight both days.

LEEDS.

ST. THOMAS'S GROUNDS, STANNINGLEY.—Two events came off at these grounds on Saturday last, the first being a dog race between Fan and Drake, 200 yds, for £10 a side, Fan receiving five yards start. Very little betting took place at events, and Fan ultimately won the race by four yards.

TOPSEY AND LION.—A match between E. Wilkinson's dog Lion, of Horsforth, and A. Andrews's Topsy, of Leeds, has been made, to run 200 yds for £10 a side, Topsy to receive three yds start; to come off at these grounds on the 8th of January next. Mr. Bennett, the proprietor, is stakeholder and referee. 10s. a side is now down, and a further sum of £2 is to be made on Saturday next.

LADY AND ROSE.—Articles and 10s. a side are now in the hands of Mr. Woolfoot for a 200 yds race between J. Woolf's Lady, of Huddersfield, and Burnley's Rose, of Dewsbury, to come off at these grounds on the 6th of January next, for £10 a side, Rose to receive ten yards start inside. A further deposit of £2 a side fell due on the 12th instant, to be made into £5 a side on the 30th instant; the balance to be deposited on the day by three o'clock, and the dogs to run at half-past.

PARK-END GROUNDS, MACCLESFIELD.—These popular coursing grounds were extensively patronised on Saturday afternoon, the extreme fineness of the weather no doubt adding to the extra attendance of the spectators. On this occasion the proprietor, Mr. James Williamson, had announced various money prizes to be coursed for by dogs of all weights, small animals to be guarded, and soon after two o'clock the sport commenced. First ties, one course, 60 yards law being allowed: Mitchell's Talbot beat Barker's Nell; Atherley's Tory beat Bray's Lilly; Barlow's Spring beat Hunt's Darkie; Lee's Rover beat Crowder's Jim; Jackson's Gip beat Lee's Jock; this pair ran an undecided course. Second ties, 2 out of 3: Tory beat Talbot, catching first and third; Spring beat Rover, catching second and third; Gip having a bye, Tory was the next to contend with her, and succeeded in securing the second and third, the old favourite being much out of condition. The pair left in for the final running off being Barlow's Spring and Atherley's Tory. Tory caught the first, Spring secured the second and third. Mr. G. Broadhurst filled the office of referee, Mr. G. Bray as slipper.

An excellent day's sport is looked to for Saturday next, the proceeds being for the benefit of Wm. Dean, an old and respected patron of this favourite pastime.

RABBIT COURSING.

RABBIT COURSING AT SHEFFIELD.—On Saturday Mr. Garvinton, of the Tyne Docks, gave a prize for rabbit coursing, when fifteen dogs entered, several being of the best description, and although the scene of action (Horton village) is fully ten miles from the Northern Metropolis, a large number of folk from the canny town visited the spot. After some interesting contests the prizes were awarded to Mr. Williams's dog Bob, 1st; Mr. Davidson's Border Queen, 2nd; and Mr. Pryor's Nancy, 3rd.

LEEDS AND NEIGHBOURHOOD.

PRINCE OF WALES GROUND, PUDSEY.—CHIEF AND ROCK.—There was only a moderate attendance at these grounds on Saturday last, to witness the rabbit coursing match between Mr. Sutcliffe's dog Crib, and J. Thornton's dog Rock, both of Little Horton, near Bradford, the best of 21 courses, for £10 a side, 30 yards drop. Crib receiving one dead rabbit. Very little speculation took place upon the event. Crib was not to exceed 14lb, and Rock to run at catch weight. Crib, independent of the rabbit given, won the race by three rabbits killing the 1st, 5th, 6th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 14th, 16th, and 17th; Rock killing the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th, 9th, 13th, and 15th.



THE MEETING OF SAYERS AND HEENAN.

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DEPARTURE OF JOHN C. HEENAN FOR AMERICA.

The departure of the only survivor of the "Field of Farnborough" to his native land would only require a passing remark, but if only to express our deep regret at its cause, we must allude more fully to what, at first sight, might appear a perfect indifference. When we say that his leaving us is in consequence of broken health, and that he hopes in the warmer climate of South America to recruit the once great constitution he possessed, there is not one who knows him, and hundreds of thousands, who, although not having his personal acquaintance, still will join in good wishes that those hopes may be realised, and give him a hearty "God speed" in his journey to his home, and a fervent wish that he may soon return in renewed strength and vigour. A short reminiscence of Heenan's career in England may not be out of place, and, will, we are certain, be acceptable to our readers.

John Carmel Heenan came to England in 1859, as the representative of our American cousins, to throw down the gauntlet to Sir Thomas de Savers, the latter having expressed his determination to maintain his proud title of Champion, and defend the whole world to dispute his claim. Heenan accepted the cartel, and the meeting, as is world known, came off on the 17th of April, 1860. How that fight was fought, and the chief incidents connected with the two champions which immediately followed, are now well-known matters of history, and need no recapitulation. How Heenan returned to America, and notwithstanding the unsatisfactory (to the Yankees) termination of the battle of Farnborough, he was welcomed by his countrymen with every mark of enthusiasm, is also patent to all. In 1863 he again visited England, determined to have another shy for the championship; the contest with Tom King was the result, the stakes being, not only for the belt, but for the large sum of £2,000. As our readers are aware, that encounter was decided against him at Wadsworth, on the 10th of December, 1863.

Heenan now abandoned the Ring, and made England the country of his adoption and followed the congenial sport of the turf, in which vocation he has made hosts of friends, his manly bearing, combined with honesty and simplicity of manner, stamping him a true gentleman in its noblest sense. In the dreadful accident which occurred on the South-Western Railway during the Ascot meeting of 1864, the Benicia Boy received very severe internal injuries, from the effects of which he has suffered ever since, so much so that his daily avocations have been much affected thereby. By the advice of his physicians, therefore, and in the hope of regaining his strength by a residence in a warmer climate, he determined to revisit the United States, and take up his abode, as previously stated, in New Orleans.

Mr. Heenan left London by the eleven o'clock train from Euston-square on Saturday last, for Liverpool, and thence by the Cunard mail steamer for New York; but previous to his departure, and to show the esteem in which he was held by his English friends, and their own legion, a most interesting ceremony took place, which it gives us great pleasure to record, namely a

FAREWELL DINNER TO JOHN CARMEL HEENAN.

Thursday, the 7th, was set apart for this gathering, a few of his numerous friends and fellow members having agreed among themselves, a few days previously, thinking that perhaps a dozen or so might be brought together. It was an impromptu affair, but so heartily did his brother members respond, that upwards of fifty gentlemen signified their wish to be of the party, and at half-past five o'clock on the evening in question more than sixty of the members of the club sat down in the magnificent room of the club used as the dining hall. Mr. J. B. Morris presided on the occasion, and Mr. E. Elgee filling the vice-chair, both performing their duties admirably. Mr. Heenan's arrival was greeted with hearty cheers, the company crowding round him with their heartfelt and affectionate greetings. The description of a dinner is all times interesting and uncalculated for; we shall, therefore, simply deal with this one by saying the skill of the manager and his cuisine had been ably exercised to provide both substantial, delicate, and unobjectionable to a highly appreciative party, whilst the wines furnished were of choice vintage and in abundance. The removal of the cloth and display of the mahogany brought the company to order and the chairman "on his legs."

The following is a short *résumé* :—The Chairman rose and said that he felt a double pleasure in occupying the position he did, inasmuch as that, instead of presiding at the little board made up of a dozen or so, as he had expected a few years previously, he was agreeably surprised by the demonstration before him. No better proof, he thought, could be afforded of the esteem in which John Heenan was held by all those who came into contact with him on the turf, and he well knew, in every relation of private life as well, since he had been in the country. The cause of their meeting, then, was to bid adieu and wish health and success to one of their number, who was leaving them for a distant land he alluded to Mr. Heenan. Three years ago that gentleman came amongst them, and since that time his conduct had been straightforward and honorable in all things, particularly on that point looked at by racing men as such an absolute necessity—the ability and desire to pay what he owed. For his own part he sincerely admired Mr. Heenan, and he was sure those present were equally warm in their friendship towards him. Of this he hardly thought there could be a better proof than the fact that the party in whose company he had the honour to sit had assembled at a couple of hours' notice—not ten or a dozen, but fifty in number. He wished Mr. Heenan, with all his heart, a safe and speedy voyage, and an early return to health and his country.

Mr. Heenan, in replying, made a few brief remarks, and was received with loud cheers; no set speech could have so well interpreted his feelings, which, he said, were quite overcome. He hoped he had behaved himself as became a man while he was amongst them, and his regret was great at being compelled to leave England, though only, as he earnestly trusted, for a time. With the return of spring, he anticipated the pleasure of shaking them all by the hand again, for no country besides his own stood by him so well, and nowhere had he met with such instances of personal and disinterested kindness as in England.

Several other toasts followed, each in turn showing the genuineness of feeling which actuated the several speakers. A most agreeable evening was spent, and all separated after giving Heenan a hearty shake of the hand, wishing him every happiness on his journey, a safe landing, a speedy recovery, and a happy return to Old England.

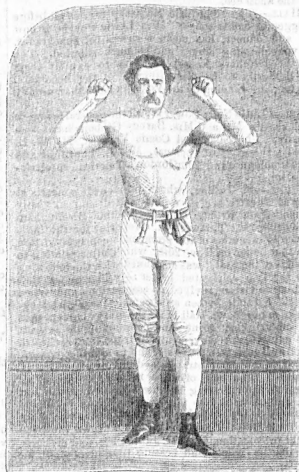
A posthumous work, by Schubert, a grand mass for chorus and orchestra, will shortly be published at Leipzig.



MR. JOHN CARMEL HEENAN.

THE SMITHFIELD CLUB CATTLE SHOW.

The "leafy month" may be June in the country, but in town it is clearly December, when streets are greened by Christmas emblems, the grocer brightening his window with verdant bloom; the fragrant fruiterer encircling himself in a bower of Christmas conifers, with the Druidical pearl-berried parasite overhead; and the provision dealer, the postmaster, and the man of joints, inspired with the poetry of the season, blending in house front and shop-board the



HEENAN, the famed Athlete.

glories of animal and vegetable kingdoms in rich and grateful profusion. The farmer, worthily contributing to the occasion, brings, as a savoury sacrifice, the prizewinning flocks and herds, inviting us, before we stray as they range, to regard our eyes with the forms of his living dainties. As instinctive exponents of improvement in husbandry they stand classified by breed, by sex, and by age. Rivalry of breeds for the grand prizes may give zest and spirit to a fat-stock show, but the more useful competition is that between animals of the same race (of course, in classes, so that the sexes are not matched against each

other, and youth has not to compete with age), wherein honours distinguish the most refined breeding and the most skilful fattening, unbiased by any fancy of judges for one sort in preference to another. This was never more apparent than on the present occasion, when the award of the silver cup for the best male in the cattle classes has not all the breeders by the ears.

It was approaching two o'clock on Monday afternoon last—after the pink, blue, and yellow rosettes had been adjudged in the several classes—to the short horns, Scotch and Welsh cattle, by Messrs. Hugh Aylmer, George Drewry, and William Torr, and to Devons, Herefords, Sussex, Norfolk, or Suffolk, polled, longhorned, Irish, and cross or mixed breed cattle, by Messrs. John Buckley, John Coleman, and Thomas Pope, the 18 first prize oxen and steers were marshalled side by side in the centre of the hall, and exhibiting, now permitted to take a bird's eye view of the public taking, congregated in the nearest portions of the galleries to watch the process of selection for the great honorarium of the show. Short work was made of the animals, which were led off reluctantly to their several standings, leaving for closer scrutiny a Devon, Hereford, short horn, Sussex, Highlander, polled Scot, Welsh, and a Hereford and short horn cross. The two latter were first turned away, then the Sussex steer, followed by the polled Scot. Would the palm go to Messrs. Martin's short horn, Mr. Lloyd's Hereford, Major-General Hood's Devon, or the Duke of Sutherland's Highlander? The short horn, good as he was, was not good enough; the Hereford, compact, but too short in the quarters, rallied from the contest; and there, having vanquished their massive rivals, stood the clever little Devon from the Lloyd farms, and the game-looking little Hereford Highlander, awaiting the final word of victory. But the six umpires hesitated, apparently as though they had done enough in a hurry; dividing three against three, and ultimately calling in one of the stewards, an amateur short horn breeder, who gave his voice for the mountaineer.

Once in the history of the Smithfield Club has the Devon breed, and once has the cross-bred class wrested the chief prize from the short horns and Herefords; but now, for the first time, a Scotch beast is made the year's champion. A handsome specimen of the breed, with beautiful head and lyre-like horns, a dark red and brindled coat not too shaggy to indicate good quality, an amazingly deep frame, with short fine legs letting the carcass almost down to the ground, very heavily fleshed, but rather too fat-sided and wanting at the shoulder point, small for an ox nearly six years of age, girthing only 8 ft 1 in., and a shagbender (at least for southern taste), this is by no means the best we ever saw, and if it be really the crack bullock of the show, characterises the quality of the whole as considerably below par.

Breeders ask,—for what was the red-and-white riband awarded? Not for substance, for the short horn at only half the age carries, perhaps, one half more weight of beef and girths within an inch of nine feet. Not for quality as butcher's meat; for General Hood's Devon has a touch of marvellous firmness and an elasticity indicating the perfection of ripeness; indeed, standing beside the Duke's has a firmer hand, and many animals in the show surpass it in quality of flesh. Perhaps the proclivities of judges for their favourite breeds, failing to carry the day, ultimately gave in to pluck and the picturesque. As the Highlander pleases the eye, so the Devon approves itself to the hand; but, pretty and well made up as this steer is, we have seen even better at former exhibitions.

The entries of horned and other cattle number 223 against 274 of last year; but comparatively few beasts have failed to keep their appointments. Fear of the pestilence would seem to have had little influence in deterring exhibitors from the show; and this confidence in the management is well placed, seeing that all possible precautions have been taken against the admission and communication of disease. Each animal was examined and certificated before quitting home, again examined on arrival by Professor Sinaud and his efficient staff from the Veterinary College; and the cattle and sheep, and the beasts from the railways were carefully disinfected over and over again, and are kept under lock and key.

The Devons are in strong force, and of fully their usual merit; Mr. John Overman, of Burnham, Norfolk, being the first in his class of other classes; Major-General Hood, of the Royal farms, and Mr. Burton, of Shobrooke, Crediton, Devon, being second. In the class of steers or oxen, Mr. Heath, of Ludham-hall, Norfolk, wins the second prize to General Hood's first. Mr. Farthing, of Stowey Court, Somerset, wins a first prize with a nice heifer; Mr. Walter, of Beadwood-park, Berks, comes in with a good second, beating a fair third of Mr. Blimfield, of Wells, Norfolk. And in a pretty fair class of cows, Mr. Heath takes first, and Mr. William Smith, of Higher Hoopers, Devon, the second prize.

The Herefords make a fine show, but including in their ranks too many big, plain beasts to excel their appearance of last year. In a class of only two young steers, a compact, good beast of Mr. Edward Tanner, jun., of Hopton Castle, Salop, wins first prize; Mr. Henry Burt, of Wantage, Berks, being second. In the class of heifers, the first prize steer of Mr. Lloyd, of Adlington, Surrey, is well fed, with lots of meat on back and ribs, but too short in the hind quarters to be first rate; Mr. Robert Worley, of Sullfield Hall, Norfolk, wins the second prize. In the ox class the first prize animal of Mr. Heath is of tremendous size and girths 9 ft 2 in., but is very plain, with arched ribs instead of level back. Mr. J. M. Read's is handsome, though not so weighty. Mr. Aaron Pike, of Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, is second in this class. Mr. Thomas Jones, of Shrobsbury, and Mr. Garrett, of Corston, Shropshire, Slipston-on-Siccar, are first and second with heifers. Mr. Bettridge's first prize cow is wonderful about the hips and quarters, not so good forward, though fairly beating Mr. Jones's second prize cow.

The Short horns make about an average show; but with nothing at all comparable to the Birmingham champion of Mr. Richard Wood, now hiding leaves at the Crystal Palace. There is nothing very remarkable about the first prize young steer of Mr. How, of Broughton, Huntingdonshire, or the second prize steer of the Earl of Aylesford. Messrs. Martin, of Aberdeen, win the first prize in the next class with red and white steers of fine quality, with spare chine and good back, girthing 8 ft 11 in., handling well, but wanting in style, with the great disadvantage of having "stag" horns, certainly of great weight for only two years and ten months old. Mr. Greenway, of Hambrook, of Bristol, wins the second prize with a steer not quite so good in fore-quarter, but superior in some points to the other; and the first prize steer of Mr. Poltridge, of Obertown, Herefordshire, is a fine animal, but Mr. W. H. Baker of Cottesmore, Rutland, wins the third prize in the older class with an uncommonly good roan; Earl Spencer's second being also a sterling good animal. Short horn merits come out in the heifer class. Here the Earl of Radnor is first, the Earl of Hardwicke second,

and Mr. Stoneham, of Crayford, Kent, third; the Earl of Radnor also gaining the £40 Silver Cup, with Gold Medal as breeder, for the best female in the cattle classes. The judges had out Mr. Heath's Devon cow, Mr. Farthing's Devon heifer; this Shorthorn heifer, Messrs. Hoasman's Sussex cow, Mr. Pollok's Irish heifer, and Messrs. Martin's Aberdeen and Shorthorn cross heifer; the final competition lying between the Shorthorn and the cross-bred, the Shorthorn getting the best of it. A good animal, not of the very best make and finish, with a broad, table back, but with a tail badly set on, slack behind the shoulder, low on the leg, and even too low behind; this heifer is scarcely to be placed before the Earl of Hardwicke's second-prize red-and-white, which is an extremely pretty heifer, of beautiful symmetry, and very much better forward, than the other. The cows are not so grand as usual. Mr. Aldworth, of Frilford, Berks, is first with a cow wonderfully good, except for deficient hind-quarters; and Mr. Ralph Newton, of Woodstock, is second.

The red Sussex cattle are in large numbers, and of considerable merit. Messrs. Hoasman, of Angmering, Sussex, and Mr. Napper, of Horsham, Sussex, are first and second in the steer class: Mr. Barton, of Robertsbridge, Hurst-green, is first in the older class with a very good specimen of the breed of large size and substance in a good curly coat; and Mr. Cane, of Berwick Court, Lewes, second. Mr. Shoosmith, of Berwick, Lewes, wins first prize, and Mr. Lee Steere, of Jayes-park, Dorking, gains second prize for heifers. Messrs. Hoasman are at the top of the cow class, and Mr. William Botting, of Hurstpierpoint, is second. The Norfolk and Suffolk polls are not well represented. Mrs. Beare, of Paston, North Walsham, Norfolk, is first for steers; Mr. Robert C. Cooke, of Livermore, Bury St. Edmunds, and Mr. John Overman, of Burnham, Norfolk, first and second for heifers.

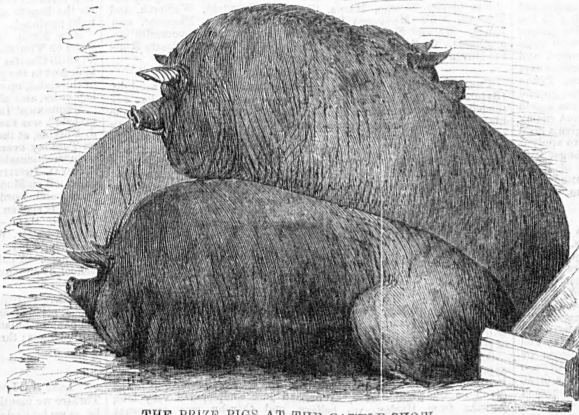
The long-horns are weaker than ever—only one moderately good steer of Mr. Chapman, of Upton, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, which takes the prize.

The horned Scots are in large numbers, and of great merit. The Duke of Sutherland's steer, as before said, wins the silver cup, value £40, with gold medal to the breeder, with, of course, the first prize in its class, and this is £30, for the club prizes are on a magnificent scale all through their list. Second is a big-framed dun steer, of splendid quality of beef, of Mr. W. Bannatyne, of Prospect-hill-park, Reading. There are also several remarkably fine animals in this same class. In the small lot of females of this breed Mr. Richard Eastwood, of Thorney Holme, Clitheroe, Lancashire, has a very nice yellow dun, taking the first prize, Mr. Allan Pollok, of Limnany, Ballinacoe, Ireland, second. The Scotch polls are many and in excellent condition, but not equal to what they have sometimes shown themselves. Mr. Andrew Longmore, of Linfield, Banff, fairly beats Mr. William McCombie, of Tillyfour, Aberdeen; both the first and second prize oxen having great substance, good forms, and most exceedingly well laid out. The only female is an extraordinarily old cow, ten years of age, and the dam of seven calves, exhibited by Mr. McCombie. In both classes of Irish cattle Mr. Allan Pollok stands first; but though the animals are capital butchers' beasts they show no distinctiveness of Irish blood, but rather smack of Hereford shape and colour in some parts and a little of Devon looks in others. Mr. Bridge, of Ramsey Tyrol, Inglestone, Essex, and Lord Berners, of Keythorpe Hall, Leicester-shire, win the two second prizes.

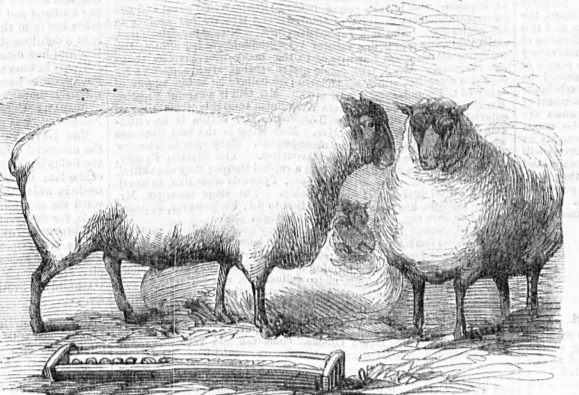
The Hon. Colonel Pennant, of Penrhyn Castle, Bangor, wins a first prize with a prime Welsh ox, with Mr. William Frankish, of Limer-Magna, Ulster, Lincolshire, second.

The cross or mixed bred cattle are numerous, and about as good as usual. In the young class, Mr. Emanuel Drace, of Byasham, Oxon, is first with a prime Hereford-and-shorthorn-steer, having, however, a great defect in the quarters; Mr. James Stewart, of New-market, Aberdeen, is second with a shorthorn-and-Aberdeen; Mr. Napper, of Wimbrough-green, Horsham, is first in the next class with a Devon-and-Sussex; and Messrs. Martin, of Aberdeen, second in a shorthorn-and-Aberdeen cross.

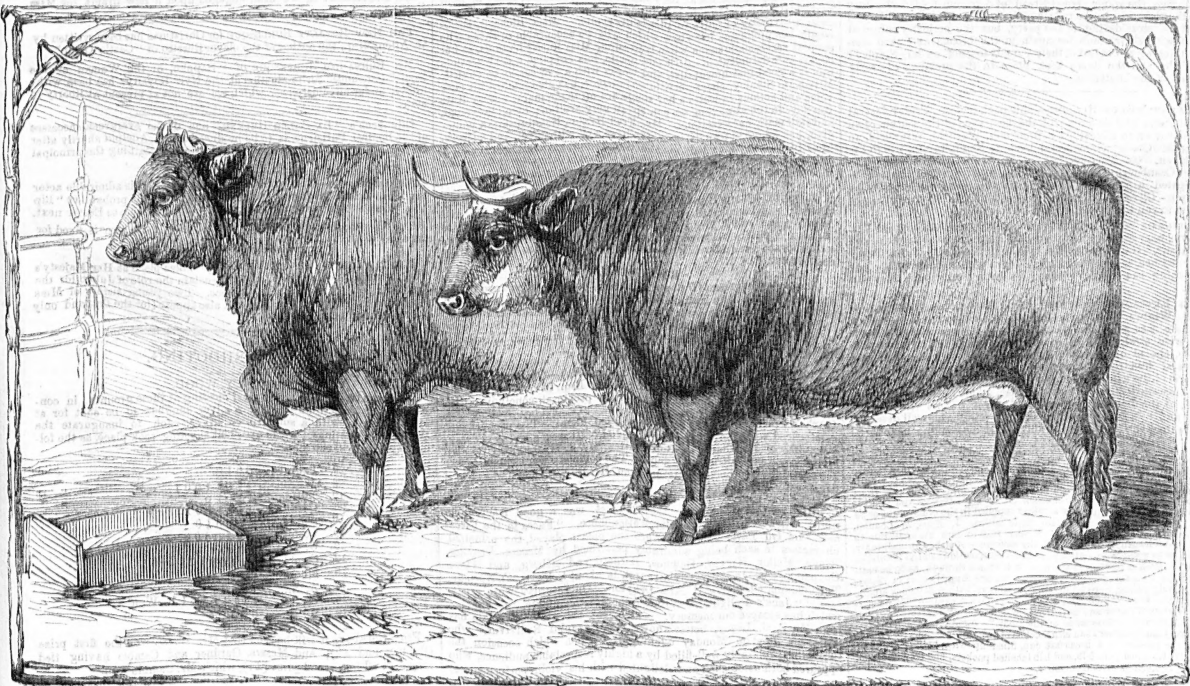
In the female class Messrs. Martin win the first prize with an Aberdeen-and-shorthorn heifer; a splendid animal that was matched against the short



THE PRIZE PIGS AT THE CATTLE SHOW.



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PRIZE CATTLE AT THE SMITHFIELD CLUB CATTLE SHOW.

horn heifer in the final heat for the cup. Mr. Henry Bettridge is second with a very good Hereford-and-shorthorn heifer.

There is nothing of uncommon merit in the extra stock classes. The silver medal and prize go to a particularly good Hereford steer of Mr. Lewis Loyd, of Monk's Orchard, Addington, Surrey. The silver medal and prize in the female class go to Earl Spencer's shorthorn cow.

In the sheep classes, Earl Berners has completely taken the lead with regard to the Leicester sheep, which are pronounced by the judges to be the finest show of that particular description ever witnessed. The Southdowns are not so good as usual, and it appears that there is a sad falling off in the stock of the Duke of Richmond, which for years maintained its position in the first, but has now dropped to the third position in point of excellence. Lord Walsingham and Lord Sondes, who had never been a competitor before, take the lead in the Southdown classes. Amongst the extra stock in sheep there are some excellent specimens, and probably one of the most remarkable is a very beautiful cross-bred, No. 536, exhibited by Mr. J. Keeping, a licensed victualler, of the Adam and Eve, Euston-road, and bred by Mr. A. Ashford, of the Hampstead-road. This animal, which is looked upon as a "pet sheep," has never seen a field, was bred within a quarter of a mile of the exhibitor's house, and has been fed upon the refuse of the kitchen, which, if this specimen may be taken as a fair criterion, would prove a formidable rival for "Thorley's food." Judging the show in the aggregate, it is far beyond the average in point of excellence, and there are, without doubt, features connected with it this year which render it more than usually interesting.

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From the above it will be seen that Mr. W. W. won the first prize (the box and £2); and Messrs. Gardner and Camble having tied they shot off for second prize (£1), which Mr. Camble won.

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